

## **CRAVE Science Goals**

- Investigate the TTL ozone budget
- Investigate the TTL water vapor budget
- Investigate convective and large-scale transport of water vapor and other trace gases in the UT/LS region
- Investigate the properties of high anvil cirrus and in situ TTL cirrus
- Measure UT/LS concentrations of short-lived halogen species
- Investigate UT/LS aerosol composition and TTL NAT particles

## Specific Flight Objectives

- Survey TTL air with a variety of regional origins and convective influence histories
- Sample very cold TTL air
- Measure water vapor and total water isotopes in the UT/LS region
- Sample air that has recently experienced very cold temperatures in the western Pacific
- Sample air recently influenced by deep tropical convection
- Sample the tops of high tropical anvil cirrus
- Sample thin cirrus formed in situ in the TTL

## Aura Validation Priorities

- TES

- scanning HIS coincident with ozonesondes, contrasting geophysical conditions
- two flights with clear-sky, over-ocean coincidence between S-HIS and TES (level flight along TES track required for comparisons with S-HIS, CAFS, and CPL)
- 8 km to max alt  $\text{HNO}_3$  profiles
- cloud-free (at and above a/c) profiles down to 500 mbar
- HDO measurements at 500 mbar

- OMI

- long, level tropopause legs: clean air over ocean and polluted air downwind of cities
- spatial variability of  $\text{NO}_2$  column (ACAM)
- atmospheric pollution measurements:  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , aerosols, HCHO
- spirals into BL under pristine and polluted conditions

## Aura Validation Priorities continued

- HIRDLS
  - coincident species profiles (10 km to max alt, clear LOS)
  - long legs with CPL measurements over clouds
  - tropopause H<sub>2</sub>O measurements under very dry, cold conditions
  - HIRDLS coincidence with H<sub>2</sub>O and O<sub>3</sub> sondes
- MLS
  - coincident COSSIR and CRS IWP and IWC measurements
  - in situ measurements of IWC and size distribution in thick cirrus
  - H<sub>2</sub>O: profiles from 50 to 500 hPa coincident with frostpoint sondes
  - stacked flights along track to address horizontal variability issues
  - validation of strong CO variability
  - ozone columns from CAFS